Support Group Meeting Schedule

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

All Meetings 7:30 - 9 p.m. Davis Hospital Classroom 1 McKay Dee Hospital Classroom 2

• July 17 •

Mckay-Dee Hospital Topic- Communication

August 1 •

Davis Hospital *Topic- Family and Friends*

• August 21 •

Mckay-Dee Hospital *Topic- Remembering Your Baby*

• September 5 •

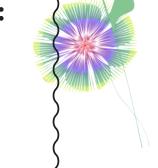
Davis Hospital Topic- Grief and Marriage

• September 18 •

Mckay-Dee Hospital Topic- Milestones and Memories

If you wish, please bring a memory item of your baby to share. (Pictures, stuffed animal, poem, etc.) For more information about support meetings, please visit www.utahshare.org

Due to limited resources, Utah Share only mails out a hard-copy newsletter to parents who experienced a recent loss. For the next edition of the bi-monthly newsletter, visit www.utahshare.org/newsletter to view the online version or download and print off a copy. 1





BABIES WHO HAVE Touched Our

Gearts

Nevaeh Zarate

April 22, 2013 – April 27, 2013

Nicole Zarate

April 22, 2013 – April 27, 2013

Trevor Michael Dworshak

Jan.28, 2013 – May 7, 2013

Aiken Takaishy Sanasan

May 8, 2013

Ariah Acevedo

May 16, 2013

Dylan Mason Lucas

May 20, 2013

Liam Joseph Desmarais

May 21, 2013

Phoenix

May 24, 2013

Julius Kruz Barrientos

May 24, 2013

Missy June Titensor

May 25, 2013

Wade T. Titensor

May 25, 2013

Eirlyse Treasure Bolton

May 28, 2013 - May 30, 2013

Leif Fox Wilson

June 3, 2013

Max Weaver

June 4, 2013

Hayden Dean Gerhardt

June 5, 2013

Jamilah Long

June 7, 2013

Steele Ryder Tafoya

June 11, 2013

Minnie Nielson

June 12, 2013/

Oliver Blanchard

June 20, 2013

Utah Share Parent Sharing

Each month we ask parents who have lost a child a question through our Utah Share Facebook group that relates to their child and what it is like to be the parent to an angel.

This month, we asked parents:

"Many people say they are never the same after the death of their baby. Has your baby's death changed the way you feel about life in general, or the way you feel about yourself? Did you change career paths, or take on some other task or project that you had not considered before? Did the life and death of your child give you the hope and courage to do something you had always wanted to do?

Did the changes to your life help you cope with your baby's death?

Heather M. - It has been 5 years since my son's stillbirth. I feel I am more humble, charitable, and genuinely concerned about others. Hearing similar stories today concerns me. I really feel like a better person because of my son's death.

No on career paths. However, I am raising a special needs daughter (rainbow baby). I feel like I can handle this better because of my stillbirth. I can deal with hearing loss, death of a child is the true challenge.

I feel more empowered about my life than I did before. As mentioned, I am at peace with my son's loss.

Please don't think this means I do not grieve and miss him (I do this often), but I am proud to be an Angel Mom! I love him so much and I know this because I will always miss him. I feel like I can conquer anything, because I have buried a child.

YOU NEVER KNOW HOW STRONG YOU ARE...
UNTIL BEING STRONG
IS THE ONLY CHOICE YOU HAVE~

NEWS & EVENTS

Join us for the SHARE Summer Social

We're having a picnic for the entire family!

Wednesday, Aug 7
at 6 p.m. at the Hooper Park 6 1 00 West 5 500 South, Hooper

Come enjoy food, friends and fun!
Also please bring a side dish to share,
the main dish will be provided.

Please RSVP by July 24 to Rachael at Rachael@utahshare.org or 801.644.4437 with the number of people coming from your family.



July is Worldwide Bereaved Parents Awareness Month

Coping with Grief

Remember, with support, patience and effort, you will survive grief. Some day the pain will lessen, leaving you with cherished memories of your loved one.

Be Good to Yourself - Be Yourself - Truthfully Accept Yourself - Gratefully Value Yourself - Joyfully Treat Yourself - Generously Balance Yourself - Harmoniously Bless Yourself - Abundantly Trust Yourself - Confidently Love Yourself - Wholeheartedly Empower Yourself - Prayerfully Give Yourself - Enthusiastically Express Yourself - Radiantly

Resources

Utah Share would like you to know that you do not need to face the grieving process alone. Below is a list of several organizations that offer support and resources to grieving parents.

Utah Share -

801-544-1159 www.utahshare.org

National Share -

800-821-6819

www.nationalshare.org

Compassionate Friends -

877-969-0010 (toll-free)

http://www.compassionatefriends.org

Bereaved Parents USA -

http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/

HAND.org - Helping After Neonatal Death

http://www.handonline.org/

IRIS -

http://www.irisremembers.com/

MissingGRACE.org -

http://www.missinggrace.com/org/indexabout.html

Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death (M.E.N.D.) -

http://www.mend.org/support/home.asp

Baby Steps -

http://www.babysteps.com/

BPUSA -

http://www.bereavedparentsusa.org/

Grief Haven -

http://www.griefhaven.org/index-firstpage.shtml

GriefNet -

http://www.griefnet.org/

My Miscarriage Matters -

http://www.mymiscarriagematters.com/

National SIDS Resource Center -

http://www.sidscenter.org/

Center for Loss in Multiple Births -

http://www.climb-support.org/index.html

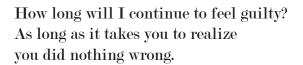


How Long Will It Take

To Get Over It?

TCF Fort Lauderdale, Fl.

How long will it take me to get over the feeling of sorrow? A lifetime.



How long will it take me to get over my anger? As long as it will take you to stop blaming yourself and others, and realize it was the combination of unpredictable happenings that occur in one's lifetime.

Why do friends give such horrid advice? To cover up their own inability to handle the situation.

Will I ever be happy again and be able to laugh? An emphatic YES.

How long is long?

As long as it takes for you to go through the process. Each individual has his or her own timetable, but it is up to you to make the decision when to start healing.

Yesterday... Today... Tomorrow

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed beyond our control.

All the money in the world cannot bring back Yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we preformed, we cannot erase a single word we said ~Yesterday is gone.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow, with its possible adversaries, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond immediate control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow for it is as yet unborn.

This leaves only one day ~Today. Any man can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities.

~Yesterday and Tomorrow ~ that we break down. It is not the experience of Today that drives men mad.

~It is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow will bring.

Let us therefore live but one day at a time!



Grief is like a ball of string, you start at one end and wind. Then the ball slips through your fingers and rolls across the floor. Some of your work is undone but not all. You pick it up and start over again, but you never have to begin again at the end of the string. The ball never completely unwinds. You've made some progress.

-Author Unknown

Angel Outsitters: loving and clothing our little angels

By: Christine Damitz

Our service organization, Angel Outfitters, specializes in providing bereavement buntings, at no charge, for babies that pass away between 14 and 20 weeks gestation. Because there are no sleeves or collars, our soft buntings make dressing these delicate, fragile babies very easy. They help provide the dignity, modesty and respect that these little ones deserve and can help to bring comfort to their grieving families.

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, our buntings are being used at hospitals across the United States and have had very positive feedback, as well as the gratitude of many angel families.

It has been an exciting adventure watching this movement evolve and expand. It started in Davis County, Utah and drifted down to Salt Lake County very quickly. We are currently working with hospitals in eleven additional states and recently sent a batch of buntings to Guam. Every day hospitals and volunteers are joining our cause.

Our goal is to spread awareness and to change the quality of infant bereavement care through our actions, words and deeds. Not only does this effort touch families struggling through their losses, but can also offer healing to the volunteers who serve them, many who have lost babies themselves, knowing that their children can continue to have an impact on our world. Every minute, every dollar spent is dedicated to their angels.

It takes an army to clothe angels, and we would be thrilled to have you on our side! There are many ways you can participate in moving our efforts along.

We would love to have your help making buntings to donate to the cause. You can find all our available pat-



Beautiful buntings recently sent to the US Naval Hospital in Guam.

terns on http://angeloutfitters.blogspot.com/ Please contact us at christine.angeloutfitters@gmail.com to let us know where you would like to donate finished items so we can organize our efforts and better serve those in need of clothing.

Also, join our Angel Outfitters Participation Group on Facebook. Sewing events and opportunities to adopt requests will be posted as they are available.

Don't sew? Not a problem! We always need volunteers to trace and cut out patterns. We will happily complete unfinished buntings, or help you find someone nearby that can. You can also participate by sending us flannel, or monetarily donate funds for materials.

Thank you for helping us help others!



Birthdays In Memory Of



Happy 9th Angel Day Lynli

August 3, 2004 9 years sense we made that life and death decision for you, 9 years sense we held you for those 30 minutes of your life.

9 years sense we admired so many amazing features about you, 9 years again that our world came crashing down and the dreams of watching you grow up came to an end...

Love forever & ever, Mom, Dad and little sister Shayli.

Happy Angel Day Jakob & Jeneh

Wow 10 years, 10 years since I held you, 10 years since I saw you, 10 years since I watched you take your first and last breath, 10 years since we were together, 10 years since I felt you move, 10 years since my world came crashing down.

August 18, 2003 I love you forever and ever, Mom, Dad and little Sister Shayli.

Joseph David Lee Edwards

July 3, 2009 Four years of being blessed by your life. Thank you for choosing us, and watching over us. We love you Angel Boy Love Mommy, Dad, Jarom, Michael, Sam, and Luke

Gabriel Jordan

August 12 Happy Birthday in heaven! We love you!

Happy happy 4th birthday to our sweet angels

STRYKER & SCOUT!!!

Can't believe Aug 1st will be four years since you entered into our lives. You have made such a huge impact on so many people since then! Thank you for watching over us & thank you for all your help getting your little brother here to us! We love & miss you so much! xoxoxo

Love, Mommy Daddy & Ledger

July 15th Happy 2nd Birthday in Heaven Easton!

> We love and miss you every single day. Love, Mom, Dad, Carter, Rylee, & Asher

Chloe Faith Price

My beautiful Chloe, although time has passed since you have been gone, it seems like yesterday I felt you in your mommy's tummy and then held you in my arms as I watched an angel sleeping.

Please know that you have been with us always in everything we have done and everywhere we have gone...you will always be in our hearts.

"If every tear we shed for you became a star above, you would play in an Angel's garden, lit by everlasting love."

Happy birthday my beautiful Angel...we love you. Love Aunt Saralyn, Uncle Nick, and Colson

Miss Alaina Mae Johnson 7.13.09

Happy 4th birthday sweet baby girl! Not a day passes that I don't think about you! Your spirit is always with me and I would like to thank you again for being there when I don't think I can get past the pain of not having you in my arms! I also want to thank you for selflessly giving your baby brother a chance to come into our lives because if it wasn't for you he would have never been a true blessing in our lives! We love and miss you everyday! Happy Birthday little princess!! Love Mommy, Daddy and little brother Lucas!

Taylor Drew Wilson

July 26,2011 Happy Heavenly Birthday Sweet Angel, We Love and Miss you everyday...

You will always be on our hearts.. Love, Mommy, Daddy, Shaylee, and Allie

My sweet Angel Chloe, Seven years ago you got your angel wings. Happy Angel Birthday sweet angel. You where too perfect for this world. Miss you every day and love you so much. Grandma Debi

Kabrie Lane McGugin 7/24/12

Happy 1st angelversary baby girl! We love and miss you so very much! Love Mom, Dad, Kylie & Kaden Q

Utah Share would like to thank...

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Lora Erickson

donation in memory of Samantha Erickson.

Twin Stitchers

donation in memory of Ester Rose Davis

Westbroek and Golding family

donation in memory of Marie Westbroek.

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We adapt, we accept, but we never get over it! I am often asked, "When will the pain go away,?" My honest answer is, "never." It changes intensity, like the waves in the ocean,

as we all struggle to get to Grief Beach!





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Our Mission

The mission of Share Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support, Inc. is to serve those whose lives are touched by the tragic death of a baby through pregnancy loss, stillbirth or in the first few months of life.

The primary purpose is to provide support toward positive resolution of grief experienced at the time of, or following the death of a baby. This support encompasses emotional, physical, spiritual, and social healing, as well as sustaining the family unit.

The secondary purpose of Share is to provide information, education, and resources on the needs and rights of bereaved parents and siblings. The objective is to aid those in the community, including family, friends, employers, members of the congregation, caregivers, and others in their supportive role.

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